

Utah County Employee of the Month for June, 2014
Brian "BJ" Eckles - Deputy Sheriff III
Utah County Sheriffs Office

It is with great pleasure that I nominate detective B.J. Eckles as Employee of the Month.

Detective Eckles has worked at the Sheriff s Office for six years. During this time he has performed his duties in an exemplary manner. For the last five years he has been assigned to the Investigations Division. He is currently the senior detective and provides a great example to his junior detectives. His keen knowledge and investigative skill has solved several cases that most would deem unsolvable. He has provided this ability to several high profile investigations as well as the assigned Detective to Eagle Mountain Division. This position is considerably challenging due to the higher volume of cases that are assigned to him. Some can say he has taken ownership of these investigations and truly dedicates himself to citizens of Eagle Mountain and furthermore Utah County.

It is my belief that one of Detective Eckles greatest assets to the Sheriff s Office is his personality. We can't argue that he is one of the most enjoyable coworkers at the Sheriff s Office. He always seems to have a smile on his face. Most of the time because he is laughing at his own jokes or at his own expense. He makes the work place fun even during the stressful or tense occasions. He is willing to help anyone out at any time.

Recently, I had the opportunity watch Detective Eckles handle one of the most demanding, time consuming, and sensitive cases I have ever seen. This case was filled with tragedy, displaced bereavement, and accusatory behavior. Detective Eckles vigorously investigated the facts of the case and filed a well-documented case report. As grief process plays out, certain facts can sometimes get perceived differently or cause disbelief. Detective Eckles went well above and beyond to continually address the needs of this grieving family. He handled this case with professionalism and beyond the scope of his duties. This is a true example of his character and why I am honored to nominate him as employee of the month.

Detective Thomas

Investigations Division